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April 25, 2019

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 29   7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Census 2020 and the Upcounty Complete Count Subcommittee"
Guests: Alvenia McQueen, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau
*   Shawn Ellis, Census Coordinator, Office of Community Partnerships*
*   Jennifer Mata, Office of Community Partnerships*

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and Council President Nancy Navarro signed a joint proclamation launching United States 2020 Census outreach activities in Montgomery County. Navarro is also serving as the chair of the Complete Count Committee of Montgomery. The Census Bureau's goal is to provide a complete and accurate count of the entire population every 10 years. The count officially begins on April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau's primary mission is conducting the U.S. Census every 10 years, which allocates the seats of the U.S. House of Representatives to the states based on their population and influences the allocation of federal funds each year. This helps states and local jurisdictions make informed decisions such as where to build and maintain schools, hospitals, transportation infrastructure, and public safety departments. Montgomery County's theme for the 2020 integrated partnership and communications campaign is ***"Everyone Counts in Montgomery."*** The Office of Community Partnerships is leading the County's 2020 Census outreach efforts to ensure an accurate, fair and inclusive count. To read more about the announcement, click here . Stay up-to-date with our activities by making sure you are receiving our monthly newsletters or by checking the Montgomery County website.

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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FREE admission!
2019 Montgomery County GREEN FEST
...learn & take action together!...
Sunday, April 28
11 am - 4 pm at Brookside Gardens
Take the free shuttle from Glenmont Metro (on-site parking is very limited)

Visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org for more information.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK DAY
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

For a full list of collection sites in Montgomery County, MD,
please visit **DEATAKEBACK.com**

Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, April 27   10:00am – 12:00noon

Community members can drop off unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs, as Montgomery County once again participates in the Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Understanding the prevalence of opioid overdoses and abuse, this event is a particularly important means for the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted opioid prescriptions and prevent their life-threatening abuse.

Visit www.DEATAKEBACK.com for the list of locations.

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"One Stop Fair Housing Shop"
Tuesday, April 30   9:00am-3:30pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

April is Fair Housing Month, a time to celebrate the successes made in attaining equal housing opportunities for all, and a time to raise awareness about discriminatory practices that continue to exist. The County's Office of Human Rights will host the "One Stop Fair Housing Shop" seminar/workshop for the housing industry professionals, realtors, property managers, housing advocates, landlords, human service, housing providers, condominium and home owner associations and others interested in housing issues to increase awareness of fair housing information.

This is a free event, however to ensure there are enough materials and lunch for everyone, online registration is requested.   More information is available here, or by contacting Anis Ahmed at 240-777-8454.

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Online Chat with County Executive Marc Elrich
Thursday, May 9   1:00pm-2:00pm

County Executive Marc Elrich will hold a virtual town hall meeting that allows County residents to send questions or comments directly to the County Executive. Selected questions will be answered during the scheduled discussion time.

You may submit questions to the county executive before and during the online event at Live Discussion with County Executive Marc Elrich.

Questions and answers will be posted online. For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

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Public Hearing on PEPCO Rate Increase
Thursday, May 9   6:30pm
Council Office Building, 3ʳᵈ fl Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public comment hearing in Montgomery County due to the request by the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) to increase its electric distribution rates by nearly $29.3 million. The proposed rates would result in an increase of $3.51 on the monthly bill of the average residential customer. See the electronic docket file for Case No. 9602 for more information. Pepco serves 578,000 customers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

About the Public Service Commission: *The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.*

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Citizen Advisory Boards to Host Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget Forums

Residents and groups are invited to provide input into the County's next six-year capital construction budget by attending public forums that will be held this spring by local citizen advisory boards. The forums will help define construction and planning priorities for the various regions in the County as officials develop the Fiscal Years 2021 to 2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

The CIP includes costs for new, or renovated, major projects such as roads; public schools and Montgomery College facilities; water and sewer lines; parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities; and other public buildings and projects.

The schedule for forums in each regional area is listed below:

- **Silver Spring – Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.** – Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, 240-777-5307. *(If you missed it, no problem! You can attend any of the forums.)*
- **Bethesda-Chevy Chase – Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.** – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200.
- **Upcounty – Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.** – BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, 240-777-8040.
- **Mid-County – Monday, May 20, 7 p.m.** – Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8101 or 240-777-6820.
- **Eastern County – Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.** – Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8414.

Suggestions and comments from participants will be considered by the regional citizen advisory boards for inclusion in the funding priority lists they submit to the County Executive. The lists will also be shared with County departments and agencies for consideration as they formulate the CIP for their departments.
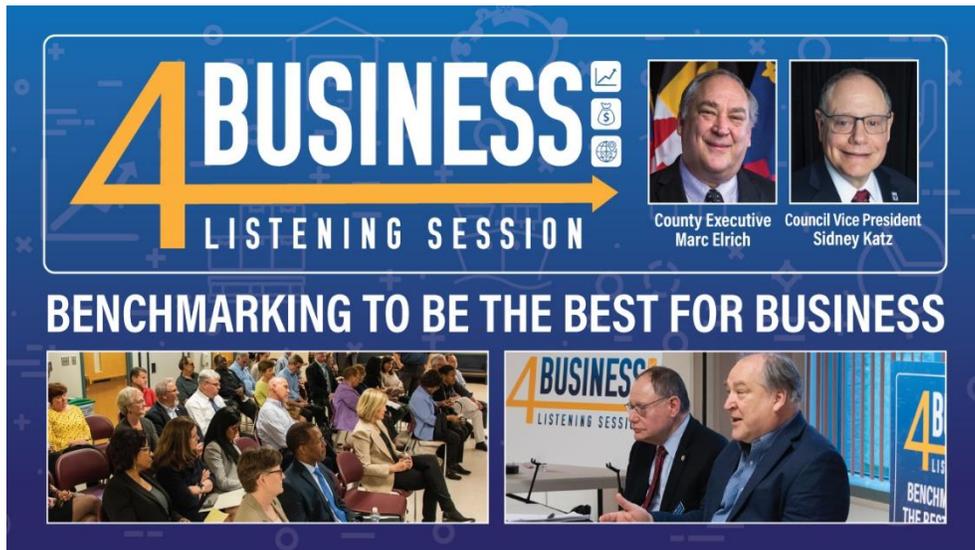
The following links provide more information:

Open Budget (Montgomery County's interactive open data budget websites covering departments, agencies, projects and more)
- http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html
Office of Management and Budget Publications:
- http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/publications.html

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4Business: Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business

County Executive Marc Elrich and Council Vice President Sidney Katz are embarking on a multi-pronged joint initiative: **4Business – Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business**. These listening sessions are an opportunity for business owners to share their concerns and experiences about starting and growing a business in Montgomery County.

The next listening session is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at the East County Regional Services Center in Silver Spring.

Schedule of sessions:

- **Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- **Monday, May 13, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, MidCounty Service Area, Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton.
- **Wednesday, May 22, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.
- **Monday, June 10, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

If you can't attend a listening session, email your thoughts about how to improve the County's business climate to 4business@montgomerycountymd.gov. For more information, visit the 4Business website.

For more information about the initiative and the five other listening sessions, read the news release here.

Public input is key!

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Join the 2020 Census Team

The United States Census Bureau is recruiting staff for Census 2020. The Census Bureau will be hiring approximately 600 Census takers in Montgomery County. Apply now by visiting 2020census.gov/jobs. for more information or help applying call 1-855-JOB-2020 or contact Daniel McCall, the recruiting agent for Montgomery County.

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A Few Seats Still Remain for Free *Senior Planet* Montgomery Technology Classes
April 22 – May 22 (Mondays & Wednesdays)
1:00pm-2:15pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Registration is open for Senior Planet Montgomery's spring classes. There are still a few seats available for WorkSource Montgomery's class at the Upcounty Regional Services Center.

Computer Essentials – learn the essentials of how to use a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email.

Classes meet twice a week over the course of five or 10 weeks, depending on the course. Designed for learners age 60 and older, these courses train participants to confidently use technology to improve their financial security and health; open a new business; improve their ability to live independently; or just use the internet for better daily living.

Montgomery County offers course instruction, books, and devices to use in class available, at no charge, to participants.

To register, dial 240-406-5485

For more information about Senior Planet Montgomery and to view other spring course offerings, visit seniorplanet.org/montgomery, or contact the team at: 240-753-0676 or via email at mocoinfo@seniorplanet.org.

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Attention!

Montgomery Residents Can Learn More — and Make Comments About Proposals
for I-495 and I-270 at MDOT/SHA Workshop
Thursday, May 16   6:30pm and 7:30pm
Seneca Valley High School
19401 Crystal Rock Terrace, Germantown

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) are taking the next steps in studying proposed alternatives for I-495 and I-270 by holding a total of seven public workshops in Montgomery and Prince George's County in April and May. Four of the workshops—where residents can learn more about the alternatives and make comments to planners—were scheduled to be held in Montgomery County. The other workshops were held in the past few weeks in Rockville, Bethesda, and Silver Spring.

Each workshop includes two identical one-hour presentations at which the MDOT SHA team will guide attendees through the displays, handouts and interactive and hard copy maps. The workshops will provide an overview of where the proposed projects currently stand.

The study limits for the first project will extend along I-495 from south of the American Legion Bridge to west of Maryland Route 5 and along I-270 from I-495 to I-370, including the east and west I-270 spurs.

The history of the project and what will be discussed at the workshops are available at https://495-270-p3.com/.
The study team can be contacted via email at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us.

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County Hosted Free Rabies Vaccination Clinics
Animal Services and Adoption Center
7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood

The County will host rabies vaccination clinics for dogs, cats and ferrets on **April 28th; May 19th; June 23rd; July 21st; Aug 25th; and Sept 15th from 8:00am until 10:30am** at the County Animal Services and Adoption Center which is located at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD.

Vaccinations are free with the purchase of a County dog or cat license. There is a $10 fee for ferrets and out of County residents. All ferrets and cats must be in carriers and dogs must be securely leashed. For more information, please call 240-773-5900.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council
Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library
Department of Recreation   http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep
Department of Permitting Services https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships
Commission for Women   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw
Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org/
Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org/
Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs